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Sir:

Attached hereto please find a certified copy of Application No. 103 11 610.9 filed in Germany on March 14, 2003.

It is respectfully requested that, if necessary to effect a timely response, this paper be considered as a Petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response and that shortages in fees, if any, be charged, or any overpayment in fees credited, to the Account of Barnes & Thornburg, Deposit Account No. 02-1010 (677/41957).

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